REVIEWING VERTICAL RESTRAINTS IN EUROPE: REFORM, KEY ISSUES AND NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT

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Thursday, 11th of November

09.00 h.-09.30 h. Registration and Welcome.

09.30 h.-10.00 h. Introductory remarks.

Jean-François BELLIS, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Van Bael & Bellis.
José María BENEYTO, CEU San Pablo University (Madrid), Gómez-Acebo & Pombo.

SESSION I- OVERVIEW OF THE NEW RULES FOR VERTICAL RESTRAINTS

10.00 h.-11.00 h. Presentation of the new block exemption regulation and the new guidelines.
Lukas PEEPERKORN, European Commission, DG COMP.

11.00 h.-11.30 h. Coffee break

- Chairman: José María BENEYTO, CEU San Pablo University (Madrid), Gómez-Acebo & Pombo.
- An economic assessment of the new rules.
  Nikos VETTAS (Athens University and EACG of the European Commission).
- A legal and practitioner’s review of the new rules.
  Jean-François BELLIS, ULB, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels.
- Lukas PEEPERKORN, European Commission, DG COMP.

13.30 h.-15.00 h. Lunch break

15.00 h.-16.30 h. Roundtable discussion: ONLINE DISTRIBUTION.
- Chairman: José María JIMÉNEZ-LAIGLEISA, DLA Piper, Madrid.
- Andrés FONT, Gibson Dunn, Brussels.
- Christoph LEIBENATH, EU Senior Antitrust Counsel, Nestlé.

16.30 h.-17.00 h. Coffee break
Friday, 12th of November

SESSION II - THE CAR DISTRIBUTION SECTOR AFTER THE REFORM

9.00 h.-09.45 h. New rules for car distribution.
Paul CSISZAR, DG COMP, European Commission.

09.45 h.-11.30 h. Roundtable discussion: impact and assessment of the new rules.
- Chairman: Marcos ARAÚJO, GARRIGUES, Madrid.
- Marc GREVEN, ACEA (European Automobile Manufacturers’ Association).
- Carsten REIMANN, NISSAN, Brussels.
- Hartmut RÖHL, FIGIEFA (International Federation of Automotive Aftermarket).
- Paul CSISZAR, DG COMP, European Commission.

11.30-12.00. Coffee break

SESSION III - SOME KEY ISSUES OF THE LATTER YEARS

- Chairman: Helmut BROKELMANN, HOWREY-MARTÍNEZ LAGE, Madrid.
12.00 h.-12.15 h. Unilateral versus concerted action: The “agreement” concept in a vertical context.
Eric GIPPINI, European Commission, Legal service


Jerónimo MAILLO, CEU San Pablo University.

12.45 h.-13.30 h. Roundtable discussion
13.30 h.-17.00 h. Lunch break

SESSION IV- NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT OF VERTICAL RESTRAINTS

15.00 h.-16.30 h. Germany and Spain.
- Chairman: Miguel ODRIOZOLA, CLIFFORD CHANCE, Madrid.
- Joaquín LÓPEZ VALLÉS, Spanish Competition Commission (CNC).
- Markus WIRTZ, Glade Michel Wirtz, Dusseldorf.
- Kai HOOGHOFF, Head of Unit, German and European Antitrust Law, Bundeskartellamt.

16.30-17.00. Coffee break

17.00 h.-18.00 h. France and Poland.
- Chairman: Cani FERNÁNDEZ, CUATRECASAS, GONÇALVES PEREIRA, Madrid-Bruselas.
- Fabien ZIVY, French Competition Authority.
- Jaroslaw SROCZYNSKI, Markiewicz & Sroczynski, Krakow.

18.00 h.-18.30 h. Concluding remarks and end of conference.
Jean-François BELLIS, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Van Bael & Bellis.
José María BENEYTO, CEU San Pablo University (Madrid), Gómez-Acebo & Pombo.
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